

October 5, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 1:00 p.m. Supervisors Ginger Schwanebeck, Chris Mayer, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Others present: Eric Johnson FYI News, Roy and Denise Redlich, Kay Hoff, Jim Sommerfeldt, Attorney John Houlihan, Attorney Greg Harrold, Carolyn LaVake, Tom Wegner, Roberta Gast, Norm Wetzel.

This meeting was properly posted and the media notified as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve voucher numbers 48954-48997 from the General Fund, vouchers 1687-1689 from the Ambulance Fund, voucher 5336 from the Tax Account. Motion carried. Mr. Gaulke abstaining as one of the checks is for his employer.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 09/30/2016 as \$941,756.17. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 09/30/2016 as \$421,529.15. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Vacation of Roads in the Plat of Kehteamaug Lodge: Mr. Mayer is abstaining from any comments or action of this item as he is currently living on the said property. Attorney Houlihan is here today to represent the Vincent W. Shiel Trust and Christen Kordash, a/k/a Helen C. Kordash and Carolyn M Allison. The family and trust own large blocks of land at the end of Crawling Stone Drive which have platted roads going thru them which have never been constructed. The plat was done in 1923. Attorney Houlihan explained since the filing of the petition the Shiel Trust has sold its property to UpNorth Holdings LLC. The registered agent is joining by amendment to the petition on the vacation of the roads. Seeing they are platted roads they will have to go thru circuit court to vacate the roads, after getting town approval of the vacation. One issue on the map is it will be necessary to gain the required access to lots 95, 96, 97 over the platted road to get to those properties. Attorney Harrold has no objection with the vacation of that platted road however; Up North Holdings will need and has agreed to grant a perpetual easement to the owner of that property of lots 95, 96, 97. A revised resolution will be prepared and sent by Attorney Houlihan regarding the easement language. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the resolution recommending the vacation of the said roads in Kehteamaug Lodge with the caveat that there will be a perpetual easement granted to

Northwoods land trust and Helen Kordash and Carolyn Allison trust for lots 95, 96, 97. Motion seconded by Mr. Gaulke. Motion carried.

Town Ordinance Enforcement: Mr. Gaulke explained we had some resent violations of our boating ordinance particularly on Broken Bow Lake where the no wake restriction was being violated. Vilas County will not enforce our ordinances as we do not have a contract with them, and the Tribal Conservation Department cannot enforce our ordinances. The town contacted our town attorney Greg Harrold to see what options we would have for enforcing our ordinances. Attorney Harrold reported that we do have a citation ordinance which states the ordinances can be enforced by law enforcement officers. One option would be to hire a constable that would have to be a certified law enforcement officer which requires training and expense. They would have the option of enforcing all our ordinances. A boat patrol officer would only enforce boating violations.

A constable is an elected position. Attorney Harrold reported in lieu of a constable, with board approval the Town Chairman can or appoint on his behalf an agent to issue citations which would be signed by the chairman. After brief discussion the board seeing that the volume of violations is so low a recommendation was made to revise our citation ordinance to include the chairman or his designee as enforcers. The forfeitures will also be revised. Attorney Harrold will try to get this revised by our October 19th Town Board meeting.

Ambulance Standby Request: A request was received from the Lake of the Torches Casino for ambulance standby coverage for the upcoming King of the Cage event to be held October 15, 2016. Proper application, fee and certificate of insurance have been received. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the request. Motion carried.

Bartenders License: Bartender application was received from Samuel N. Vazquez . Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Mayer to approve the application as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. Motion carried.